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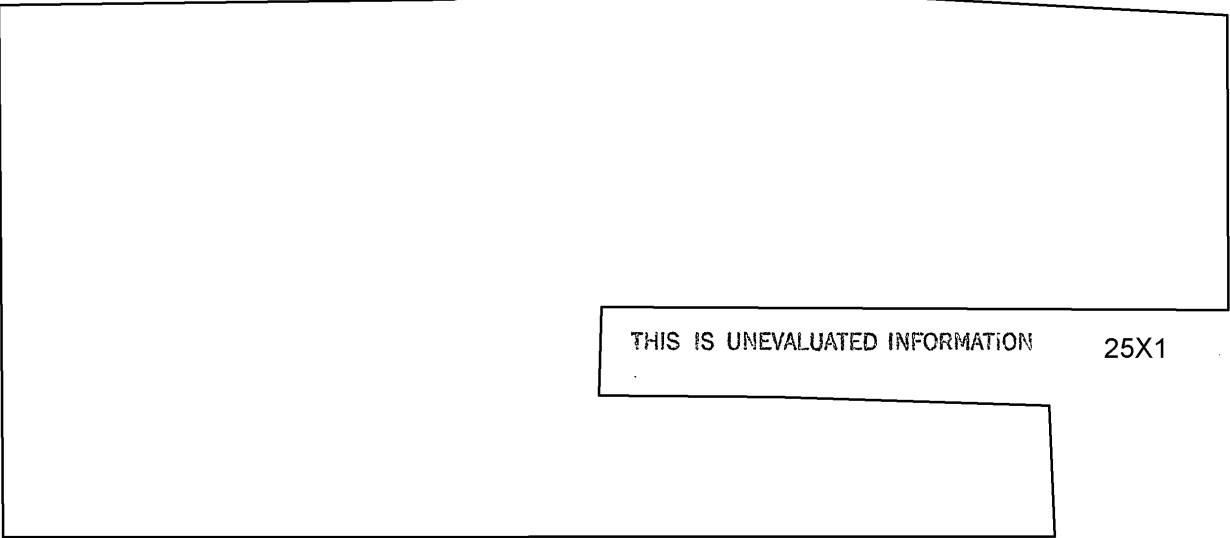
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SUBJECT Movements of Tank Cars

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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 25X1

- 25X1 1. [redacted] a meeting took place at the DDR Ministerium fuer Inner-
deutschen Handel, Aussenhandel und Materialversorgung [redacted] to discuss 25X1
routine business handled at the transport planning conferences. The meeting
was presided over by Rothaupt, chief of the statistical department of the
Generaldirektion. Also present were Golz and Peters from the Ministry's
department of transport planning, Weber from the planning department of the
Verkehrsministerium, managers of several Reichsbahndirektionen, and several
observers from the Soviet Control Commission.
- 2. The reported delivery of 40,000 tons of rolling stock to Ploesti [redacted] 25X1
cannot be confirmed. For such purposes there are, at the most, 2,400 tank
cars available. If the necessary tank cars had been sent as reported, the
entire transport plan for petroleum products would have been thrown into con-
fusion; this has not been the case. A small number of tank cars are occasionally
exchanged with eastern countries.
- 3. The delivery of 250 tank cars to Brest-Litovsk [redacted] is 25X1
part of the reparations deliveries which are continuing regularly.
- 4. It cannot be ascertained whether or not tank cars were collected to the extent
reported moving from Seddin to Ploesti [redacted] Seddin 25X1
is a large central collecting point for the East Zone and is located between
Michendorf, Potsdam, and Berlin. Here cars are collected for the purpose of
making up trains of empty cars for new employment. In addition, it should be
noted that Seddin is the most important freight dispatching point in the DDR.
The report that 40,000 tons amounts to five-eighths of the tank car capacity of
the East Zone is incorrect. [redacted] the DDR had a total of 8,400 25X1
tank cars on hand for all purposes and of every type. Of these, at least 15
to 20% is constantly undergoing repairs. A total of 1,650 cars has been assigned
exclusively to the delivery of chemical products. Seventy-six cars have been
assigned to the transport of gas. Of the remaining cars, 2,400 are TIV cars
(tank cars for the transport of mineral oil), 900 belong to the reserve supply
of the Deutsche Kraftstoff-und Mineraloel-Zentrale, and the remainder is rented
or owned by the organizations which require this type of car for their shipments.

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By making full use of this type of transport, the East Zone has the means of transporting at least 240,000 tons per month, so that the reported 40,000 tons are no more than one-sixth of capacity. At the present time, the DDR Government is using an average of 168 tank cars daily for the shipment of petroleum products. This amounts to a total of 5,040 cars per month and a total volume of 100,000 tons.

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